January 28, 2002 PRIVATE DUTY NURSING PROVIDERS MONTANA MEDICAID NOTICE

Effective January 1, 2002, Private Duty Nursing providers will receive an increase of \$2.43 per ½ hour for LPN services. The rate will be \$10.31 for each 30 minutes. This increase will go directly to enhance the wage of the nurses providing the care.

In order to validate this wage increase, a provider must file a wage plan for the LPN's employed by the agency. Included with this notice is the format that will need to be mailed or faxed to:

DPHHS Medicaid Bureau Denise C. King P.O. Box 202951 Helena, MT 59620-2951

Fax (406) 444-1861

Please return the wage plan by February 28, 2002. This rate increase is retroactive to January 1, 2002.

The following codes are affected by this increase:

CODE	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	REIMBURSEMENT
Z0746	LPN Services provided at home	\$10.31 each 30 minutes
Z0748	Patient specific training	\$10.31 each 30 minutes
Z0751	LPN Services provided at school	\$10.31 each 30 minutes

The Private Duty Nursing program has been exempted from the across the board 2.6% reimbursement rate reduction that is being proposed by the State.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please call Provider Relations at:

Helena and out-of-state: (406) 442-1837 In-state toll-free: 1-800-624-3958